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WIDOW OF MAN KILLED BY ELFEBO BACA TAKES WITNESS STAND; SHRIEKS DENUNCIATION OF VIGIL

HYSTERICAL WOMAN BREAKS DOWN AND WEEPS BITTERLY WHILE GIVING HER TESTIMONY

Calls District Attorney "the Indian" and Declares She Desires to See Him Punished; Says Her Husband Was Promised \$1,000 for His Part in Plot to Liberate General Jose Inez Salazar From Bernalillo County Jail; Gives Detailed Account of Alleged Occurrences at Ranch North of Albuquerque; Baca Shown to Have Been at Jail in Old Town on Night Famous Mexican Prisoner Escaped; Sensational Evidence Is Introduced.

Santa Fe, Dec. 15.—"Look at him—doesn't he look like an Indian?" shrieked Mrs. Celestino Otero, of 121 Paso, on the witness stand in the federal court late this afternoon, pointing at District Attorney Manuel U. Vigil, of Albuquerque. She then broke down and wept bitterly. The testimony took place in the conspiracy trial of the United States against Elfebo Baca, District Attorney Vigil, Game Warden Trinidad C. de Baca and others.

Although Mrs. Otero's own eyes were red with weeping when she stood upon the stand, she controlled herself admirably in telling her story. Under cross-examination by Attorney A. B. Rendon, when for a moment she showed temper, and referred to Elfebo Baca as the slayer of her husband, and to Manuel Vigil as "the Indian" whom she desired to see punished. She declared, however, that she informed the United States officers of the alleged conspiracy, not in anger at her husband's death, but because of her grief. She said that her husband had been promised \$1,000 for the part he played in the escape of General Jose Inez Salazar from the Albuquerque jail, but that this information came to her only through her husband.

Saw de Baca Twice.

As to General de Baca, she said she knew little, except that she saw him twice at Vigil's ranch, eight miles from Albuquerque, where Salazar had been hidden in a tunnel six feet under the surface of the patio.

Sixteen of the forty witnesses of the prosecution were heard today. Not all were cross-examined by the defense. Mrs. F. W. Ponce, at whose home in Albuquerque Mrs. Otero remained from November 19 to 22, 1914, testified to the bringing of a bundle from the Red Star store and the taking away of the bundle by Otero and another man in an automobile. Later, she said, a small box of provisions was brought and taken away. Otero, she said, came to the house on November 20 and sought to borrow ten or fifteen dollars from her. She testified that Otero was accustomed to stop at her place.

Savedra Brought Message.

In this connection Mrs. Otero testified that Porfirio Savedra came to El Paso from Albuquerque with a message from Vigil, expressing regret over Otero's death, offering to give her a ticket to Albuquerque, where she might find work and where possibly the man who had killed her husband might be brought to justice. However, she said, Savedra gave her no money, and she refused to go to Albuquerque.

Mrs. M. A. Montoya, clerk at the Red Star store in Albuquerque, testified that she sold a bundle of quilts to Otero and had the bundle delivered at the house of Mrs. Ponce on November 19.

Mrs. Marie Espinosa testified that on the night of Salazar's escape she had accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad C. de Baca, Mrs. Vigil and Mrs. Otero to a motion picture show.

Peter Dinelli testified that on December 24 and 25 Mr. and Mrs. Celestino Otero stopped at Rico cafe and that Vigil agreed to pay for their board and lodging, but that Vigil had

done this for many other people. He testified that the bill incurred by the Oteros has not yet been paid by Vigil, despite repeated demands.

Says Baca Was at Jail.

Pedro Gurule testified that he was at the jail in Albuquerque when Salazar's escape occurred. He stated that he heard people going upstairs, and fifteen minutes later he heard a noise as of benches falling and men scuffling in a fight. Earlier in the evening he had heard Sheriff Romero cry to Elfebo Baca, "What in the devil are you doing here at this hour?" Gurule heard no reply, but heard Baca go upstairs to the jail.

M. A. Albers, a doctor, declared he heard cries at the jail on the night of the escape and rushed over to find the jailer, Carlos Arriaga, handcuffed, tied to a post, bleeding from his hands and weeping, fear running down his cheeks in profusion.

Dr. W. W. Suarez testified that he dressed Arriaga's wounds, which were merely slight cuts on the hand, forehead and stomach, and which might have been caused by grasping the blade of a knife.

Dolores Muniz, guard at the Albuquerque jail, testified that on the night of the escape he was called by telephone to the White Star saloon to take in custody men who had been cut up in a fight. Muniz found that no one had been hurt. Upon his return he discovered Jailer Arriaga handcuffed, tied to a post and bleeding from a cut in the hands.

Sheriff Romero on Stand.

Sheriff Jose Romero said that he had seen Elfebo Baca at the jail early on the evening of November 20. Baca, he said, went upstairs to speak to the jailer and returned a few minutes later. Baca was a frequent visitor at the jail while Salazar was a prisoner, said Mr. Romero.

Under Sheriff Dick Lewis testified that Jailer Carlos Arriaga had told him that two Spanish-speaking men had hit him over the head and knocked him "clean out," one of the assistants having an automatic revolver and the other a dagger.

District Clerk Thomas K. D. Madalson testified that Porfirio Savedra had been held to the grand jury on the charge of stealing property, United States Marshal A. H. Hods-peth was the first to go on the stand, and testified that General Salazar had been a federal prisoner confined to the care of the sheriff of Bernalillo county.

S. L. Pinckney was called to the stand to draw a plat of the county jail in Old Albuquerque, but the defense was Johnnie-on-the-spot and offered a blue print by Pitt Rose, which was accepted by the prosecution.

It was Mrs. Otero's testimony that took up the greater part of the time today. She told of meeting Game Warden and Mrs. Trinidad C. de Baca in their automobile on Fourth street in Albuquerque, of stepping into the auto with her husband and driving to the home of District Attorney Manuel U. Vigil and there remaining for supper. This was on November 19, 1914.

Met Salazar at Ranch.

Mr. Otero, she said, went to Vigil's ranch, while she remained in the city from November 19 to November 22, on which latter date she went to Vigil's ranch and there met General Jose Inez Salazar. On November 23, she declared, she saw Vigil and Trinidad C. de Baca at the ranch and heard Salazar say to Vigil, "I must leave for Mexico on November 25."

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Passport Rules to Be Much More Strict

Washington, Dec. 15.—Passport regulations more stringent than those effective at present will be enforced by the state department, under an executive order issued by President Wilson and made public today.

Duplicate applications and three copies of the applicant's photograph, instead of a single application and two photographs will be required. Applicants must name the dates they expect to sail, ports of departure, names of steamers they will take and must file their applications with the department at least five days prior to sailing.

The order provides that state department agents must inspect and endorse all passports issued and that all persons leaving the United States for foreign ports must provide themselves with passports.

Job Without Pay for Those Qualified

New York, Dec. 15.—Fifteen men with "assessable personalities and a fluent knowledge of the French language" are needed to reinforce the staff of the American commission for relief in Belgium, according to a cable message received today from Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the committee. They must be willing, however, to work without pay other than their living expenses and the "satisfaction which comes with honorable service."

No one who has been in France since the war began is eligible. Traveling expenses to and from Europe will be paid by the commission. Mr. Hoover said.

McKellar to Succeed Luke Lea in Senate

Memphis, Dec. 15.—Unofficial returns tonight from nearly half the precincts in Tennessee indicate that Representative Kenneth D. McKellar has been nominated for United States senator at today's democratic primary by a majority of almost 2 to 1 over former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson.

Fire Chief in Serious Condition.

Durango, Colo., Dec. 15.—William Barnett, chief of the Durango, Colo., fire department, was brought here today in a serious condition from exposure during three days and two nights' struggle through deep snowdrifts to reach the ranger station at Vallecito. Barnett was en route to mining claims in La Plata county when he encountered a blizzard on Weminuche pass.

Earl of Derby's Volunteering Is Great Success

Single Men Are to Be Called to Colors First, While Those Married Are Held in Reserve for Emergency.

London, Dec. 15 (15:15 P. M.).—In the house of lords today the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting, when questioned regarding the result of his recruiting campaign declined to give any figures in advance of Premier Asquith's statement, which will be made public next week. The early declared, however, that "we were absolutely snowed under" with recruits last week and the gross total of enlistments was very large. He added that it would be impossible to call upon the married men until the country was convinced that single men had come forward to make up such an extent as to leave only a negligible quantity unaccounted for.

"We must keep faith to the pledge the premier gave the married men," said the earl. "Nobody can yet say whether or not the single men have come forward in sufficient numbers. That will be known Tuesday."

Miners Charged with Murder Ask Release

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 15.—The eight defendants in the famous La Veta murder cases this morning filed through attorneys H. N. Hawkins, John A. Martin and A. L. East, in the district court a motion that they be released on bail. They claim they have been in custody more than two years, that the state failed to convict them at a former trial and that there is little prospect of a speedy trial again.

The men were strikers during the recent mine troubles in southern Colorado and are charged with killing mine guards near La Veta.

DE LA BARRA ABLE TO THROW SOME LIGHT ON HOW MADERO DIED

Huerta Himself Gave Order for Removal of President and Vice President to Penitentiary for "Safety."

Next Day Dictator Told of Attempted Rescue

Effort to Have Tragedy Investigated Is Said to Have Met With Little Favor From Military Men.

(Associated Press Correspondence.)

Paris, Dec. 14.—Francisco de la Barra, former provisional president of Mexico and minister of foreign affairs at the time of the death of President Madero and Vice President Pino Suarez, today told the circumstances attending that tragic event—the first statement he had made on this or any other Mexican subject during the long period of turbulence and disorder in that country. Señor de la Barra came here as Mexican ambassador after retiring from the provisional presidency and later in the shift of administration in Mexico he gave up his diplomatic position and devoted his attention to private affairs. He said:

Not Ordered by Cabinet.

"I declare in the most solemn and precise manner that the death of Mr. Madero and Pino Suarez was not brought about as the result of a council of the cabinet."

"On Friday, February 21, at noon, at a cabinet council, I interrogated the minister of justice and the minister of war, asking if they had any official knowledge of the detention of Mr. Madero and Pino Suarez. Their replies were negative and I thereupon urged the strict necessity of conforming with the requirements of the law. Some of the cabinet ministers spoke in similar terms and it was finally unanimously agreed that the minister of justice, after receiving the documents, should proceed in accordance with the law."

Huerta's Fatal Order.

"Following this, General Huerta told us that owing to the lack of security in the apartments at the national palace, occupied by Mr. Madero and Pino Suarez, he was going to give orders for their removal from the palace to the penitentiary, where there would be additional security."

"I did not return to the national palace until after midnight, Saturday, February 22, when I was called there by the chief of Huerta staff, who informed me that a very grave event had occurred. General Huerta then told me that Mr. Madero and Pino Suarez had been killed in a fight while they were being removed to the penitentiary. He stated that as the automobile bearing them and the escort were proceeding toward the penitentiary, two armed bands opened fire with apparent purpose of freeing Madero and Pino Suarez, and that in the affray which ensued both had been killed, also two other men and a fifth man who was wounded and taken prisoner."

First Hears of Murder.

"Deeply surprised at this information, I expressed to General Huerta the necessity of making a thorough investigation which would throw all possible light on the facts and I proposed that Mr. Jose Yanguiz Tagle, chief of the department of military justice and brother of the secretary of justice in the Madero government, take direct charge of the proceedings. A few days after General Madero told me it had not been possible to secure the services of Mr. Yanguiz Tagle during the night of February 25, and it had been determined through the agency of the matter to call upon Mr. Gonzales Suarez, whose high standing similarly entitled him to the fullest confidence."

"This declaration was published in its general lines on Monday, February 24, and on that same day I showed it to General Huerta and to the other ministers, without any observations from them."

"Such are the facts simply stated. Nobody that knows me personally or that knows the deep respect for law and human life that I have shown during my provisional presidency can suppose that I could have had any participation, directly or indirectly, in this transaction."

Unable to Marry, They Commit Suicide

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15.—Valentina Vorontze, a Russian girl, 20 years old, who lived with her mother in a house on Lake Union, was shot and killed in a row boat on the lake today and Anatole Vellif, 26 years old, also a Russian, shot himself through the head at the same time. The police at first believed that Vellif had shot the girl and then turned the pistol on himself. Later, however, they found a letter which they say was written by the girl and which said the couple had entered into a suicide agreement because of obstacles to their marriage. It is now believed that the girl shot herself, carrying out her side of the agreement.

LONDON AGAIN ANXIOUS OVER POSSIBILITY OF ZEPPELIN RAIDS

Questions Are Showered Upon Officials of Government Regarding Preparations for Defense.

City Guarded by Officer of Navy

Safety Measures Soon to Be Intrusted to Military Authorities, Is Statement of the Secretary.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE.)

London, Dec. 15 (13:24 P. M.).—The public anxiety as to the defense of London against air raids again became evident at the opening of the house of commons session today. The admiralty's representative was harried by a series of questions, a part of them concerning the present position of Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, former commander of the coastal defense of London, and the actual defense of London.

The opening question was "Can the admiralty, with a view of ensuring public opinion, state whether the provisions for the anti-aircraft defense of London and the eastern counties have been proved to be satisfactory?"

Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, replied that he could add nothing to the statement already made. In answer to a question regarding the status of Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, Mr. McNamara said that he was still in charge of the gunnery defenses of London, but that the transfer of the command to the war office was expected shortly and Sir Percy's continuance in that work would then be a question for examination.

Replying to another question, Mr. McNamara said that he could not make a fuller statement regarding impending changes in the personnel of the anti-aircraft service. He also declined to answer a question as to whether there had been seven or eight Zeppelin raids since October 13.

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, made the announcement in the house of commons Monday that the anti-aircraft corps in London was in sole control of the war office and that Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott no longer was in charge of it. Mr. Tennant said that the defense of London from aerial attacks had been under the divided responsibility of the admiralty and the war office and this fact had been the basis of many criticisms.

Carlsbad Woman Badly Hurt in Auto Accident

Mrs. Walter Pendleton, Returning From Christian Science Lecture, Seriously Injured; Car Turns Over.

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO MORNING JOURNAL.)

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Walter Pendleton, wife of a prominent local dealer at Carlsbad, was seriously injured when a large touring car was overturned south of Lake McMillan last night. Mrs. Pendleton was driving the car in which were also her two daughters, both of whom were slightly injured. They were returning from a Christian science lecture given in Artesia and after crossing the Pecos river bridge near McMillan dam Mrs. Pendleton took the wrong road.

Along in the road, where it turned north, crossing Mrs. Pendleton under the steering wheel. Another car was closely following the one driven by Mrs. Pendleton and the injured woman was taken to Carlsbad where medical attention was secured. It is not thought that Mrs. Pendleton's injuries will result fatally.

Will Fire Employees Found With Booze

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE.)

Denver, Dec. 15.—(Notice posted today in the mining camps of the larger coal companies in Colorado, warn employees that after January 1, when statewide prohibition becomes effective, the possession of liquor will be sufficient ground for discharge of an employee.

Figures compiled at the city hall show that only thirty-four retail druggists hold licenses to sell liquor, compared with 150 a few months ago.

Governor Appoints Notaries.

Santa Fe, Dec. 15.—Governor McDonald today appointed D. W. Cutler, of Vaughn, and D. S. Satter, of Mills, notaries public.

INSCRIPTION FOR HOME WRITTEN BY PRESIDENT

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE.)

Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 15 (13:08 P. M.).—President Wilson has written an inscription for the address home bearing his name to be dedicated in elaborate ceremonies here on December 31.

Americans in Switzerland have contributed \$6,000 for three of these homes which are suitable for being transported along the frontier where Swiss soldiers are guarding the long line under rigorous mountain conditions.

The first home was named Washington, the second Abraham Lincoln and the third Woodrow Wilson.

The inscription written by President Wilson is now being carved over the door of the home. It reads:

"This home was erected by citizens of the United States as an evidence of their admiration for the hospitality and protection and the cordial and amiable friendship which has always existed between that ancient republic and government and the people of the United States of America, a friendship based upon common principles of life, common ideals and common aspirations."

PRESIDENT'S DEFENSE PLAN ADVOCATED

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE.)

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15.—President Wilson's defense program was outlined and supported in addresses delivered here today before the southern commercial congress by Secretary Daniels, of the navy; Henry C. Brockbridge, of the house naval committee. The day's program, devoted entirely to national defense, closed with a military and naval parade by several companies of state troops and the warships stationed in Charleston harbor.

It seems fairly well settled that the Bulgarians do not intend to invade Greece, an action which would likely cause disunion in that country which already is uneasy over the Bulgarian occupation of Monastir. Also it is believed that the Austrians and Germans have sufficient troops available to attack the entente allies.

Wait Next Movement.

Speculation here has to do with the Germans and their intentions. They are variously reported to be concentrated near Monastir and Doiran and the Rumanian border and as preparing for an attempt to drive the entente allies from the Gallipoli peninsula. All these reports lack confirmation. One thing seems certain is the military observers, that the Germans will have to keep a close watch upon the Rumanian side, not only because of the danger of that country entering the war against them, but to meet the threat of a Rumanian invasion through Rumania, which, although nothing has been said of it recently, has not been lost sight of.

Alles Said to Be Ready.

Wherever the Germans attack, they will find the entente allies prepared. Saloniki is being made stronger daily and has the backing of warships, as also has the Gallipoli peninsula, where the entente positions likewise have been strengthened. The Russians are believed by the military authorities to be able to cope with any army the Teutonic countries can collect on the Rumanian border, while Egypt, which is said to be another Teutonic objective, also has been placed in a state of defense.

May Attack in West.

Although there are many persons who do not doubt that the Germans purpose to rest on their laurels in the near east for the time being and that they will make a bid for victory on the western front, persistent reports come from Holland of the concentration of German armies in Belgium and Luxembourg with the intention of striking a blow as soon as the ground permits of it. At the present moment the greater part of the country is a sea of mud in which it would be unsafe for any army to attempt an offensive. The reported concentration of Germans is believed to account for the making behind the German lines in an effort to stand the movement of troops and destroy shelters, camps and the supplies of munitions which are necessary for an offensive.

General Townsend reports the repulse of orthodox Turkish attacks against the British position at Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia. There have been no changes in the situation on any of the fronts.

Spirited Actions Are Reported by Paris

Paris, Dec. 15 (19:40 P. M.).—The following official communication was reported by the war office tonight:

"The usual campaign occurred on the western front. It was quite spirited in Artois and between the Somme and the Oise. In the region of St. Mihiel our guns shelled enemy aeroplanes. One of these machines, struck by our projectiles, was obliged to land in the German lines. In the Ban de Supt our artillery dispersed a column of 100 men who were changing position to the northeast of La Fontenelle. Our aviators continue to display activity. A flight of thirteen French aeroplanes bombarded the German aviation camp at Habsheim, to the east of Mulhausen. Shells dropped on the hangars reached their objective. Of the fifteen enemy machines, which claimed to be on the ground at the moment of the bombardment, five immediately took the air and attempted, without result, to give chase to our squadron."

"The Belgian official communication reads:

"Action prevailed on part of our front. To the north of Dinant and south of that town, violent artillery actions occurred on both sides. But historic Calveaux was shelled by our heavy guns. A flight of thirteen French aeroplanes bombarded the German aviation camp at Habsheim, to the east of Mulhausen. Shells dropped on the hangars reached their objective. Of the fifteen enemy machines, which claimed to be on the ground at the moment of the bombardment, five immediately took the air and attempted, without result, to give chase to our squadron."

Teuton Bonds Go Begging.

It is noteworthy that while Anglo-French bonds were being offered at concessions, war bonds and other issues of the German-Austria-Hungarian governments which are traded in here in a limited extent were offered at further concessions from subscription prices. The declines in these securities were attributed chiefly to a general break in markets of German exchange to the low record of 74.4, against the previous minimum of 77.4-8.

On the basis of four marks in the unit of exchange the present value of that currency, normally worth 23.24 cents, has depreciated to a fraction above 13 cents.

Hill Liner's Plight Due to Equipment

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE.)

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—(Information secured by United States inspectors who quizzed officers of the Great Northern Pacific steamer, Minnesota, for five hours today aboard the vessel indicated, the investigators said to night, that the failure of the ship's boilers off the Mexican coast was caused, not by spies or mutinous sailors, but by natural mechanical defects.

THE WEATHER

WEATHER FORECAST.

Denver, Dec. 15.—New Mexico: Thursday unsettled, probably snow, colder east and south portions; Friday partly cloudy.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

For twenty-four hours, ending at 6 p. m. yesterday:

Maximum temperature, 48 degrees; minimum, 21 degrees; range, 27 degrees; temperature at 6 p. m., 24 degrees; west wind; partly cloudy; trace of snow.